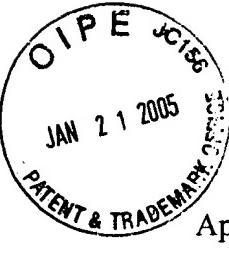


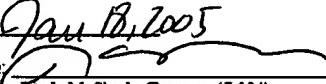
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

SIR:

In response to an Advisory Action dated July 29, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following amendments and remarks. This Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.